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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO NAC TSPA
SUBJECT: SOVIET SATELLITE COSMOS 849

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS HEARD RUMOR (SUPPORTED BY
ARTICLE IN MARCH 15 MESSAGGERO THAT THE ORBIT OF ANOTHER
SOVIET COSMOS SPACECRAFT IS DETERIORATING AND WILL REENTER AS
UNPREDICTABLY AS DID COSMOS 954.

2. THE MESSAGGERO ARTICLE REPORTS ON AN INTERVIEW WITH ONE
PROFESSOR KAMINSKY DESCRIBED AS THE "DIRECTOR OF THE OBSERVA-
TORY AT BOCHUM". KAMINSKY IS QUOTED: "COSMOS 849 IS FOLLOWING
A PATH PARALLEL TO THAT TAKEN BY ITS TWIN, NO. 954, BEFORE
IT FELL WITH ITS ATOMIC LOAD ON CANADA. GIVEN THAT ROUTE,
THEREFORE, THERE IS A GREAT RISK THAT THE TRAGEDY COULD
REPEAT ITSELF".

3. THE MFA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF THE STORY HAS
ANY BASIS. GARDNER

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